

# SENATE BILL No. 357

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-13-9.

**Synopsis:** Registry of convicted child abusers. Defines "crime of child abuse" and requires the state police department (department) to establish an electronic child abuse registry containing information relating to persons convicted of a crime of child abuse. Requires the department to adopt rules to establish a procedure permitting a person erroneously included in the registry to obtain relief.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-13-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2016]:  
4 **Chapter 9. Child Abuse Registry**  
5 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**  
6 (1) "Crime of child abuse" means:  
7 (A) neglect of a dependent (IC 35-46-1-4) if the dependent  
8 is a child and the offense is committed under:  
9 (i) IC 35-46-1-4(a)(1);  
10 (ii) IC 35-46-1-4(a)(2); or  
11 (iii) IC 35-46-1-4(a)(3);  
12 (B) child selling (IC 35-46-1-4(d));  
13 (C) a sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2) committed  
14 against a child; or  
15 (D) battery against a child under:  
16 (i) IC 35-42-2-1(d)(3) (battery on a child);  
17 (ii) IC 35-42-2-1(f)(5)(B) (battery causing bodily injury



to a child);

(iii) IC 35-42-2-1(i) (battery causing serious bodily injury to a child); or

(iv) IC 35-42-2-1(j) (battery resulting in the death of a child).

The term includes a crime committed in another jurisdiction in which the elements of the crime are substantially similar to a crime described in this section.

(2) "Registry" means the child abuse registry established under section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Not later than January 1, 2017, the department shall establish and maintain a child abuse registry.

Sec. 3. The registry must contain:

(1) the name;

(2) the age;

(3) the last known city of residence;

(4) a photograph, if available;

(5) a description of the crime of child abuse conviction; and

(6) any other identifying information, as determined by the department;

of every person convicted of a crime of child abuse.

Sec. 4. The department shall obtain data for publication on the registry from:

(1) criminal history data maintained by the department under IC 10-13-3, except for data whose publication is prohibited by federal law;

(2) information reported to the department by the department of correction; and

(3) information obtained by the department from another governmental entity, if, in the opinion of the department, the information is credible and reliable.

Sec. 5. (a) The department shall publish the registry on the department's Internet web site. The registry must be searchable and available to the public.

(b) The department shall ensure that the registry is updated at least one (1) time every thirty (30) days.

(c) The department shall ensure that the registry displays the following or similar words:

"Based on information submitted to law enforcement, a person whose name appears in this registry has been convicted of a crime of child abuse. However, information on the registry may not be complete."



1       **Sec. 6. (a) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
2       **implement this chapter.**

3       **(b) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
4       **establish a procedure permitting a person whose name is**  
5       **erroneously included in the registry to obtain relief.**

